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Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131  
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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131**

Sir:

This Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 is filed along with a response to the Office action of October 19, 2007 and an RCE, and supplements the inventor's declaration dated July 18, 2007 (submitted on August 1, 2007).

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131**  
**ESTABLISHING PRIOR INVENTION**

I, Kiyoshi Fujii, as inventor in the above-identified patent application, hereby declare as follows:

1. My citizenship, residence and post office address are as stated below, immediately beneath my signature.
2. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.
3. In Japan, prior to June 23, 2003, I conceived and reduced to practice the ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus claimed in the above-identified patent application.
4. It is my belief that the whole invention as set forth in claims 1-4 of the above-identified patent application was in my possession prior to June 23, 2003.
5. A draft patent application disclosing my invention as set forth in claims 1-4 of the above-identified application was transmitted for review to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd (hereinafter "MEI"), assignee of the above-identified application, on June 20, 2003. The draft patent application is identical to Japanese patent application JP 2003-191700, filed July 4, 2003, and to which the above-identified patent application claims priority, with the exception that said draft patent application lacks claim 3 found in JP 2003-191700.
6. During the period between June 20, 2003 and July 4, 2003, the draft patent application was reviewed by me and others at MEI, claim 5 added by MEI's patent attorneys at MEI's request, and the Japanese application filed by MEI's patent attorneys at MEI's request.

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I further declare that these statements were made with knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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